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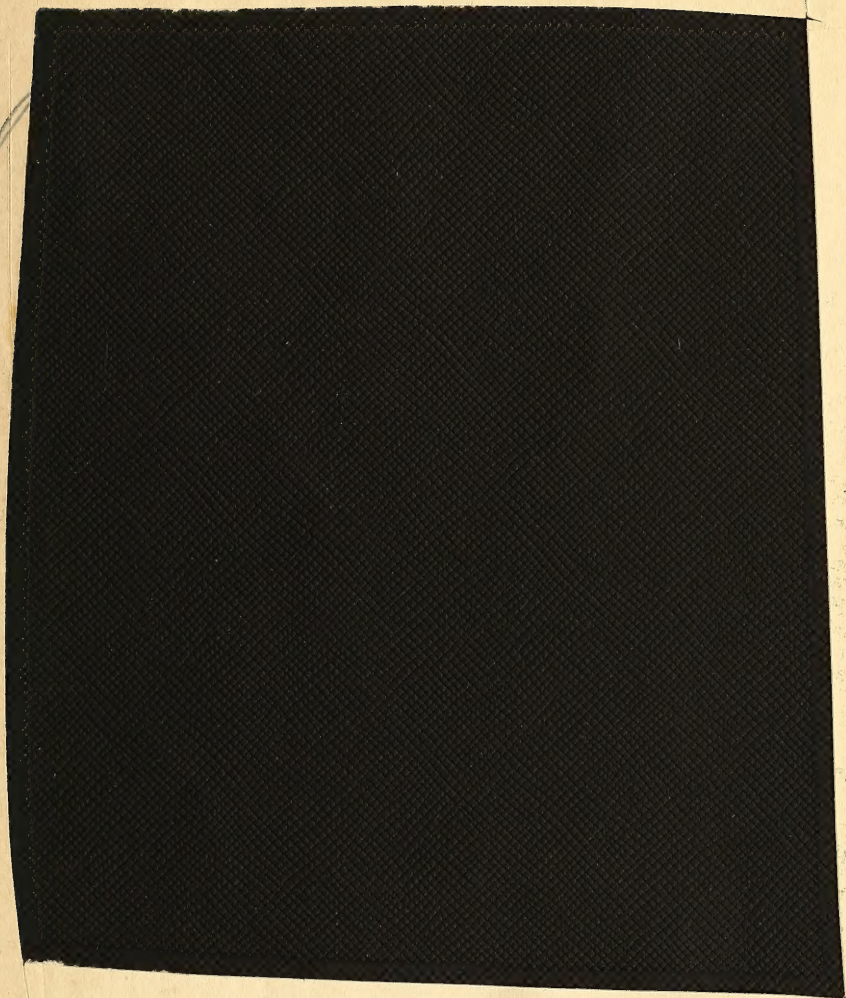
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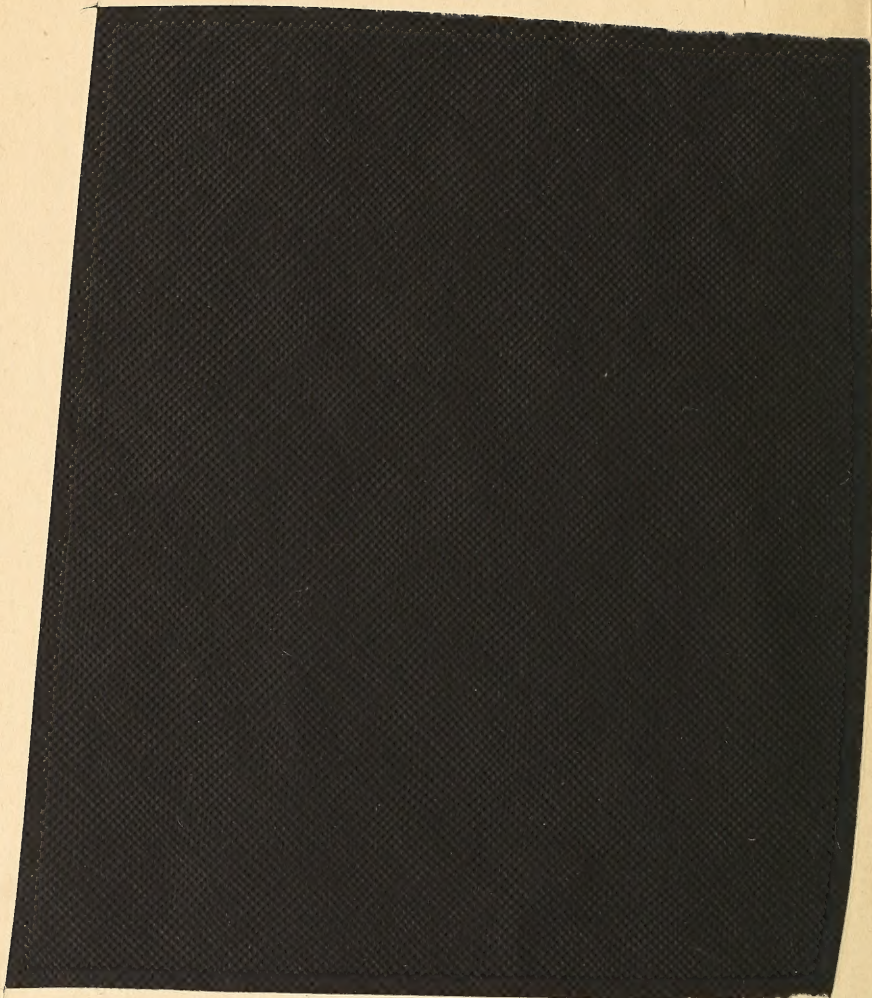
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 Next session of the Association will convene with Deep Creek Baptist Church, ten miles west of Wadesboro, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1923, Rev J C Covington to preach the introductory sermon. Bro W A Kersey, alternate.

LICENSED PREACHERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Allen, R C	Marshville	250	
Wall, S D	Morven		1
Wall, E B	Pee Dee		1
Waddell, C H	Morven		2
West, S W	Charlotte	616 E. 8th St.	





PROCEEDINGS



Parsons Grove Baptist Church, }
Lilesville, N. C., October 11, 1922 }

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association, met in its fiftieth annual session, in the Parsons Grove Baptist Church today; J E P Little, Moderator, presiding.

According to previous arrangement, Revs J F Davis and W M Allen, filled the rostrum to preach the introductory sermon. Rev Allen lined hymn No. 259 C. M. Prayer by Rev R S Tanner. Rev Davis read the Scripture from Acts of the Apostles 8:1-28. Second hymn No. 800 L. M. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc. The Moderator presented Rev Davis to preach the sermon. He came forward, sercharged with the Holy Spirit, and preached as only a man of God can. Text 1st John 3:1. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God;" and Acts 8:17, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." The thought he threaded through the sermon, was "Ascene of God's family love." The sermon was a powerful one, and after listening to it, we all felt bound to renew our devotion to our Heavenly Father, and push forward the great commission. Rev Allen led in a fervent prayer, "Bless be the tie that binds," etc., was sung, led by Rev J C Ellerbe. Deacon C C Horne lifted a collection, amounting to \$16.00.

Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Praise services were conducted by Bro C C Gatewood as follows: Hymn No. 513 S. M. Prayer by Rev E J Sturdivant. Second hymn No. 637 S. M. The Moderator resumed the chair. After making some timely remarks, announced the house open and the Association in order for business.

Roll called; names of delegates enrolled.

Drs O S Bullock, President of the Baptist State Convention, and L T Christmas, both of Raleigh, N. C., were introduced and made welcome. They both spoke interestingly of the unity of the Baptist forces in N. C., and the support of Shaw University. Amendments to the Constitution were presented by Madison Grove Church and Bro C R Chambers. Doxology was sung and benediction was pronounced by Dr O S Bullock.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association was called to order and praise services conducted by Bro C H Waddell, as follows: Hymn No. 64 C. M. Prayer by Bro W A Kersey. Hymn, "Father I stretch my hands to thee," etc. Prayer by Rev R L Micheal. Rev C B Bethea took a seat in stand, accompanied by Revs E H Martin, J L Chambers and S N Davidson to preach a sermon. Rev Davidson read the 46th Division of Ps. Rev J L Chambers led in prayer. Rev Martin lined hymn No. 181 C. M., which was sweetly sung by the congregation. The Moderator introduced and presented Rev Bethea as being Pastor and a Preacher. Rev. Bethea announced as a text John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." Hymn No. 507 C. M. was sung. Prayer by Bro R S Sturdivant.

Rev W H Staton and Bro C R Chambers lifted a collection amounting to \$16.05.

A local program was rendered as follows:

Bro G R West, in his jovial way, extended a hearty welcome in behalf of the church.

Bro W C Curlee, the Supt., extended welcome in behalf of the S. S.

Owing to illness in the family of Rev J W Hawkins, the ex-pastor, he could not be present, but Rev B J Parsons officiated for him. Rev Parsons was at his best in extending the welcome to the ministers. All the brethren made us feel that we were at home and among our friends. Rev J Q Robinson, in a happy response, assured the brethren, church and S. S. that we would try to measure up to all of their expectations.

On motion we adjourned with benediction by Rev B B Sturdivant.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled, with the Moderator presiding. Devotional services were as follows: Hymn No. 762 C. M. "In all my Lord's appointed way," etc. Prayer by Rev I S A Hilliard. After singing another selection, the Moderator announced the house open and in order for business. On motion the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

Revs W G Flake, of the Phil.-Yadkin Association, J C Covington, Lumber River Association, C B Bethea, Rowan Association, O B Stanson, Rockingham, N. C., J T Williamson, Mt. Peace Association, and J W Adams, were introduced, and made welcome. All made remarks.

Motion, that business be suspended for preaching. Rev S N Davidson ascended the rostrum, accompanied by Revs J C Covington, J T Williamson and O B Stanson.

Rev Covington sang hymn No. 507 C. M. "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Rev Stanson read the Scripture from Acts 2:1-28, and offered prayer. Hymn No. 800 L. M. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc.

The Moderator introduced Rev Davidson to preach the missionary sermon. Rev Davidson selected as a text for this occasion Romans 10:14-15. "How then shall

they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard," etc. Subject, "A God called and sent minister." The speaker presented the subject very intelligently, and our hearts were caught on hallowed fire as he spoke to us out of God's Word. One verse of C. M. hymn was sung. After which Rev W H Little led in prayer. Collection \$40.60. Benediction by Rev W G Flake.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the Moderator presiding. Praise services conducted by Rev P J Sturdivant and Bro Dorsey Bennett, as follows: "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc., was sung. Prayer by Bro S S Sturvant. Second hymn No. 443 C. M. Bro Bennett made a very interesting spirited talk along the lines of helpfulness and going forward.

The Moderator announced the house in order for business. Prof. F M Fitch, of Winston-Salem, N. C., corresponding secretary of Linwood Convention, made a telling speech in support of his Convention. He grew more eloquent as he advanced in his argument, and was very forceful in presenting the claims of christian education upon the Baptists. He closed by paying a glorying tribute to Shaw University, and pled with the men in this Association to stand loyal by this institution. He held the congregation, which filled the house, spell-bound, and easily carried them with him. Rev J R Faison responded to the address, and gave as his opinion, that it was expedient that we join the Linwood Convention.

On motion, the Zion Association, unite with Linwood Convention and help support the Linwood Academy. The vote was taken by roll call, which resulted with a vote of 73 to 41 in favor of uniting.

On motion the Auxiliaries make their report to-morrow at 10 a. m.

On motion the adoption of the amendment to the Con-

stitution be made a special order to-morrow immediately following the auxiliaries' report.

On motion the Moderator's address follow the adoption of the Constitution.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev E H Martin.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the Moderator presiding. After praise services, Mrs Annie C Robinson, representing the Woman's District Auxilary of Zion Association, spoke of their work, and presented the Association with a purse of twenty dollars.

Mrs Blanche L Smith, Cor. Sec. of the Joint Meeting reported their work, and asked for an open door for the missionaries. She also presented the Association with \$5.00 from that body. On motion of Rev J F Davis, a vote of thanks were tendered these ladies and their organization for their charitableness and loyalty.

Bro A L Leak made report for the Sunday Schools. This report stired many of the schools to duty, especially in paying their Shaw assessments.

Rev H I Quick, accompanied by Rev J T Williamson, ascended the stand to preach a sermon. Rev Williamson read the Scripture from Isa. 20:1-20. Prayer by Rev J C Ellerbe. "Throw out the life line," etc., was happily sung, led by Rev Williamson.

The Moderator presented Rev Quick; after which he arose and announced as text Jer. 12:5, "And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trusteth, they wearied thee, then how will thou do in the swelling tide?"

The sermon was full of power, and was forcefully delivered. Prayer by Rev Williamson. Collection \$21.05.

The committee on missions made its report as follows: Whereas, the call and need for missions is greater than in any period or age of Christian Endeavors, and repre-

sents the basis and hope of kingdom extension, and triumph upon which is dependent the very life of the churches, as well as the salvation of the world; we realize the dire necessity of the redoubling of our forces and efforts for missions. And whereas we should be better organized in all of our churches for systematic work:

Therefore be it resolved, that all of our pastors be requested to preach missionary sermons, accompanied by missionary rallies, and that the young people and children, as well as the old, be organized into missionary circles, who shall carry out this special program. And whereas, the Baptist State Convention has adopted the Steward plan and budget system, therefore be it resolved that we do hereby adopt the same to be carried out in all of our churches, and that funds thus raised be sent quarterly to the Treasurer of the State Convention at Raleigh, taking a receipt therefore, retaining the receipts to be reported at the Association.

H I Quick, L T Christians, J C Ellerbe, J R Alsobrooks and R S Tanner, committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

"Together let us sweetly live" was sung, and the Association adjourned, with the benediction by Rev J C Covington.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 9:30 a. m. The Moderator presiding. Praise services were conducted by Bro C C Gatewood as follows: Hymn No. 369 C. M. Prayer by Rev I S A Hilliard. Second hymn No. 715 C. M.

Prayer by Rev J C Chambers.

The Moderator resumed the chair, and declared the house in order for business.

On motion the proceedings of the 2nd day and night's sessions were read and approved.

The adoption of the amendment to the Constitution was in order. By motion the Constitution was changed to make the representing fee 10c. instead of 7c.

Rev J F Davis was called to the chair to preside while

the Moderator read the address. For information see the address.

The address was received and referred to a committee on address.

Committee on officers reported and report adopted.

See roll of officers.

Quite a number of other committees reported. See Appendix for reports.

On motion we have a Union Meeting in this month, at New Zion, Peachland, N. C., beginning on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in Oct. Prof. W. H. Knuckles of Lumberton, N. C., Rev Wall of Pee Dee, N. C., and Bro Bennett of the A. M. E. Zion church, were introduced and made welcome. Prof. Knuckles and Rev Wall made remarks.

On motion, business be suspended for preaching. Rev J T Williamson, accompanied by Revs C B Bethea and W H Horne, took seats in the rostrum. Rev Bethea read the Scripture from the 9th chapter of Genesis. Prayer by Rev W H Horne. Hymn No. 153 C. M. "God moves in a mysterious way," etc.

The Moderator presented Rev Williamson to preach the sermon. Rev Williamson arose and announced as a text Gen. 9:14, "And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud." This was a wonderful sermon. While the man of God talked to us out of God's word, telling of his promises and wonderful love, the Holy Spirit filled our heart, and we felt that it was good for us to be here.

Prayer by Rev Bethea. Collection \$30.97. Prayer Benediction by Rev A C Chambers.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled; the Moderator presiding. Praise services were conducted by Bro S S Bennett, as follows: Hymn No. 531 S. M. Prayer by Deacon J C Cason.

The Moderator announced the house ready and in order for business.

All committees that had not reported, did report.

On motion the Executive Committee be allowed to set aside a sum of money. The same to be divided among the different brethren who attends the State Convention.

The Treasurer made his annual report.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Ordaining Board made its annual report. See elsewhere for report.

On motion we turn a vote of thanks to Parsons Grove Church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay. Collection for Parsons Grove Church \$2.77. The Association adjourned to meet next year with Deep Creek Church.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator

A. L. LEAK, Clerk

P. S.—Teal's Chapel was dismissed by letter to unite with St. Paul Association of S. C.



APPENDIX

COMMITTEES MAKE THEIR REPORT

On Education—We view with pride the great interest the State of North Carolina is taking in educational work of all her people. We view with alarm the condition that confronts us as regard of our people. Whereas we see the condition of our boys and girls along educational lines; and whereas, we see that our young men are drifting off in idolitry, ignorance, vice and crime; and whereas, our young people after finishing the public schools of the county, are not prepared to enter college; and whereas, we see it is very necessary that we have a place wherein our people may go and be prepared to meet the educational qualification; and whereas, that Zion Association has sold her academy plant, and at present are not doing any educational work directly. Therefore, be it resolved, that Zion Association will awake from her lethergy and help crush ignorance and superstition, and make for the light-house as intellectual strategy, where they can be prepared, equipped and drilled for the battle of life. As this is an age of co-operation and combination, we therefore recommend that Zion Association marshal her forces, join with the constituences of the Linwood College, and help push the battle to the gate.

C C Horne, J L Chambers, Rev C B Bethea
Mrs A C Robinson, Miss Ida Shadd, Committee

On Place—We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Deep Creek Baptist Church, 10 miles southwest of Wadesboro, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1923, Rev J C Covington to preach the introductory sermon, Bro W. A. Kersey, alternate.

C H Waddell, L L Ledbetter, E W Crowder, Committee

On Obituary—Mr Moderator, we, your committee, after considering through the various delegates, found that the mighty hand of death through the Providence of God, has taken from our midst Revs G T Tanner, J B Huntley, Bros William Micheal, R B Bradley and V B Morgan and many others too numerous to mention here. These brethren worked well in their sphere of life. Peace to their ashes. We bow our hearts to Him who doeth all things well.

Revs B J Sturdivant, W H Station, E H Martin Committee

On Condition of the Country—We, the committee, wish to make the following report: The Lord has been very merciful unto us, and our being here is a sign that God still loves us. Great and trying questions and problems are for adjudgment and settlement. The whole country has been aroused and stired up over the Union Railroad strike and the bollweevil. The country has gone through a financial crisis. But we are very grateful to God, that things are growing better. There is also an unsettled labor and capital question that has tried the wit and wisdom of the best minds of our nation, which has created no little degree of unrest, excitement and even violence. Our country is still pregnant with a woe of crime and murder, and the taking of human life. Wrongs have become a very common thing as other ordinary news of today. Lynching has been carried on so long that it seems to be right with some. But this awful practice by citizens of our country seems to open the door for the increase of crime of every kind. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the best white people of almost every community to show a deeper interest in the welfare of the colored people. While there may be some enemies to the race, the great bulk of the white race in the negro (a labor worth while) that they cannot afford to disregard. A growing financial need of the race and a religious influence in the colored race that holds their interest and better feeling for our people. We discourage in our people the wholesale waste of money on things that are mean and amusements, and urge them to serve God, do the right, build up good homes, educate their children, attend the churches and do more to strengthen the moral status of the race.

Rev W H Horne, James Diggs, R S Turner Committee

On the Moderator's Address—After carefully considering the address, we heartily endorsed the recommendation in the address, including that of State-wide education. Prayer to God for a faithful prosecution of our work. That of State-wide missionary operation. We especially endorse his recommendations to both pastors and ministers to be faithful missionaries. We heartily concur with our beloved Moderator, endorsing the Linwood Academy. We recommend that the Moderator's address be printed in full in our minutes. We recommend the hearty co-operation of the entire Association.

Dr R Allen, Rev C B Bethea, Rev J C Ellerbe

Rev R S Tanner, Rev J W Diggs Committee

REPORT OF TREASURER

Lilesville, N. C., Oct. 13, 1922

To the Moderator and members of Zion Association :

I hereby submit to you my annual report for the year ending
Sept., 30th, 1922 :

Debits:—Oct. 14, 1921.	To balance brought forward	645.76
“ 14, “	Received from finance committee	561.76
Dec. 2, “	Received from T J Bivens, Treas.	15.61
“ 2, “	“ E H Martin, Institute money	14.00
April 30 1922.	“ at Union Meeting	55.00
July 30 “	“ at Union Meeting	48.46
Aug. 28 “	“ from W H Staton	15.00

Total - \$1,355.59

Credits—Oct. 1921	1 C L Leak, Int. on Domitory money	\$ 8.05
	2 G W Watkins, State missions	17.70
	3 J E P Little, Moderator, service	25.00
	4 A L Leak, Clerk, service	25.00
	5 B B Sturdivant, Treas., service	10.00
	6 W J Poindexter, Orphan Home	22.25
	7 R Diggs, donation	5.00
	8 H D Tillman, donation	5.00
	9 D A Tillman, donation	2.54
	10 B J Sturdivant, donation	2.54
	11 Ed Bivens, sexton at Nicy Grove	3.00
	12 G W Baucum, Cor. Sec., services and exp.	26.08
	13 B J Parsons, donation	2.54
	14 A C Chambers, donation	2.54
	15 G W Baucum, Exp. Executive Com.	9.00
	16 R A Hamilton, Nicy Grove church	5.00
	17 W C Sturdivant, Pleasant Hill church	10.00
	18 V B R Bowman, donation	2.54
	19 J L Chambers, ministerial education	15.00
	20 J T Ratliff, monument to Rev J Ratliff	26.65
	21 J E P Little, State & Foreign missions	45.46
	22 J E P Little, Expense to State Convention	10.00
	23 J F Davis, Expense to State Convention	10.00
	24 D C Spencer, Cool Spring church	10.00
Dec.	25 P F Maloy, Salary & Exp. in Institute work	79.50
	26 Mrs Kittie Barrett, service & coal Institute	4.50
	27 J T Ratliff, stamps for Institute	.50
	28 J R Faison, service in Institute	12.00

		29	B B Sturdivant, service in Institute	12.50
		30	A L Leak, minute fund	95.00
Feb. 1922		31	G W Baucum, to ass't WC Baucum in S. S.	30.00
		32	A L Leak, to ass't Miss Minnie Davis	20.00
		33	J C Ellerbe, Executive Committee, Exp.	14.00
April	"	34	B J Parsons, Moderator, services	5.00
	"	35	J T Ratliff, Secretary, services	4.00
	"	36	John Covington, sexton, Meltonville	2.00
	"	37	Calvin Chambers, Meltonville church	10.00
	"	38	W H Staton, a loan	15.00
	"	39	A L Leak, printing address	5.00
July	"	40	A L Leak, Shaw University	150.00
	"	41	J C Ellerbe, Moderator, services	3.00
	"	42	J T Ratliff, Secretary, services	4.00
	"	43	David Little, sexton, Rockford W	1.70
	"	44	C L Leak, donation, Rockford church	5.00
	"	45	J F Davis, donation	2.00
	"	46	A L Leak, Bible & hymn book, Gallilee C.	10.00
				Total - - - \$ 785.59
				Balance in Treasury \$ 570.00

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B B Sturdivant, Treas. of Zion Association

I, J. C. Cason, have examined the book and papers of the Treasurer, and find them O. K. J. C. Cason, Auditor of Zion Association.

On Resolution—Bro Moderator, we, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: 1st, that the ministers encourage the people to educate their children, and that they preach occasionally an educational sermon to their congregation. 2nd. That the young ministry prepare themselves or the ministry before attempting to pastor churches. 3rd. That the people be encouraged to buy homes and to own property. 4th. That the people be encouraged to co-operate with and patronize negro enterprises. 5th. That the churches be encouraged to support their pastors to the extent that they may be able to devote their entire time to pastoral duties. 6th. That the ministers and leaders admonish their people to keep their wives and daughter off of the streets in the towns on Saturdays.

Revs J J Hines, J W Diggs, J R Faison

Committee

Finance Committee's Report

CHURCHES	Rept. Fee	S. & F Miss'n	Orphan Home	Min. Education	Aged Min.	Total Sent
Bethel.....	1 40	10	10	10	10	1 80
Brown Creek.....	7 47	4 68		50	1 00	13 65
Cedar Creek.....	5 33	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	8 83
Chilson Grove.....	4 20			50	25	4 95
Chambers Grove.....	2 57	50	25	25	25	3 82
Cool Spring.....	77	25	50	25	50	2 27
Deep Creek.....	35 41			1 00	1 00	37 41
Ebenezer.....	3 57			25	25	4 07
Elizabeth M.....	13 00	3 00	1 77	50	1 00	20 27
Elizabeth P.....	2 29		1 31			3 60
Flat Rock.....	P D	50	25	25	50	1 50
Fletcher's Grove.....	8 77	1 00	50	1 50		11 77
Flint Ridge.....	9 90	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	13 40
Friendship.....	5 01	50		50	1 00	7 01
Gallilee.....	03		1 00	1 00	1 00	3 03
Long Pine.....	5 63	2 50	3 00	50	1 00	12 63
Madison Grove.....	4 00	7 71	3 00	5 00	2 00	21 71
Meltonsville.....	40 02	25	50	25	50	5 90
McLain Grove.....	4 90	25	25	25	15	41 62
Mt. Zion.....	H S	3 03	5 00	2 00	2 00	11 24
Mt. Moriah.....	P J	25	25	25	6	91
New Zion.....	5 75	2 00	1 00	25	1 00	12 00
New Grove.....	6 12	50	50	50	50	8 12
New Grove.....	10 51	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	17 59
Olive Branch.....	P D	50	50	50	50	2 00
Pleasant Hill.....	4 90					4 90
Poplar Hill.....	5 43	1 00	50	50	25	7 68
Prrsons Grove.....	27 44	50	25	50	50	29 19
Poplar Spring.....	9 97		25	22	2	10 72
Ramah Grove.....	13 79	50	50	1 00	50	16 29
Rockford E.....	11 02		2 00	2 00	1	16 20
Rockford W.....	13 93	10 80	1 00	1 00	2 00	28 73
Sandy Ridge.....	7 63	50	50	50	50	9 63
Saron.....	5 72	50			1 00	7 22
Shankle Grove.....	3 08	15	18	15	15	3 71
St. Paul.....	12 25	3 92				16 17
Timmons ville.....	6 00	25	25	25	25	7 00
Teal's Chapel.....						
White Oak.....	8 57	50	25	25	50	10 01

Collected on Representing Fee	\$ 275.75
“ for State and Foreign Missions	51.11
“ for Orphan Home	23.86
“ Ministerial education	28.57
“ Aged Ministers	25.84
“ by public collection	125.67
“ from W. H. M. S.	20.00
“ from Joint Meeting	5.00
“ from Corresponding Secretary	10 88
Returned money from J E P Little	10 00
Total	\$610 52

B B Sturdivant, J T Ratliff, C R Chambers, R S Sturdivant
 J Q Robinson, J R Alsobrooks, G W Baucum, Committee

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary.

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belonging to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of the Association to observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence to Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefull avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking, should refrain from all such indecorious conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feelings or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things to be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative side of the report,



CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches; to support the Gospel in destitute places among us to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions; and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of Educational and Missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrines of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, an Auditor, an Executive Committee of seven, and an Ordaining Board. The Moderator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute three members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the Moderator and Secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Associational property in his hands.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasury of this body must be presented to the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the Corresponding Secretary and Moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the Cor. Secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The Ordaining Board shall have supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of seven (7) cents per capita for each

of its members. (said 7 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings. Two-fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three-fifths for ministerial education, and raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members convened in this Association, shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than 3 messengers from each church with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October at 11 o'clock A. M., and with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practicable, and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Cor. Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church a member of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two consecutive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the first day of the sitting of the Association, and adopted on a subsequent day.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of Union & Anson Counties.

Morven, N. C., Sept. 16, 1922.

The 12th annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of Union and Anson Counties was held in White Oak Baptist Church, Morven, N. C., Sept. 16-17, 1922.

11:30 a. m. The house was called to order by the President, Mrs A. C. Robinson. Praise services were conducted by delegates from Parsons Grove, Nicy Grove and Sandy Ridge. Sister Annie Curlee read for a lesson John 1:1-13. After which several prayers were offered, and many songs were sung, which were much enjoyed by all. The President, on taking the chair, made some timely remarks concerning the work. Her talk was full of advice to the sisters. Miss Wilson, our State Missionary being present, was introduced to the Convention. Miss Wilson came forward and made a soul-stirring talk. She urged that we read the Bible, and carry our Bibles to all these meetings. She impressed us to forget ourselves and think more of others. She said the reason we could not do more along the line of bringing others to Christ was because we are not doing enough personal work as individuals—our hearts were made to feel glad.

The President, in very appropriate words, responded. She spoke of how fortunate we were on being enabled to have the service of this dear young woman, and urged the girls present to prepare themselves for future usefulness that they too may go out and bring others to Christ. After enrollment of delegates and appointing of committees, (see list) an offering amounting to \$2.45,

was taken. Rev J C Ellerbe asked God's blessing on the offering; then we adjourned.

At 2:30 the session re-assembled. Praise services was conducted by delegates from Friendship, Elizabeth, Pee Dee, and Oakboro. Mrs Odessa Livingston sung touchingly "Shine on me." Rev J C Ellerbe led in a fervent prayer. "Father I stretch my hands to thee," was sung. Rev J C Chambers led in paayer. Miss Wilson came forward and taught a soul-stiring Bible lesson from 1st Cor. 13th chap., which all enjoyed much. After she finished, many beautiful testimonies followed.

After calling of roll of Circles, we were glad to have one new Circle—Flint Kidge to come and unite with us. Then we had a verse of song, and adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock for Board meeting—night session.

7:10 p. m. After singing "Draw me nearer," Miss Ida D. Shadd led in prayer. The President made some remarks concerning the work of the Board.

It was moved and seconded that the finance committee pay off all indebtedness, and turn over all receipts to the Sec. and Treasurer. After a lengthy discussion by the sisters, the President turned the service over to the ministers. Rev J C Chambers lined hymn No. 449. Rev Cox led in prayer. Rev J C Ellerbe preached from Matt. 9:37. "Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." The speaker spoke with power. Our hearts were made to feel glad while he spoke to us out of God's word. Bro Miles led in prayer. The chair made some remarks, then a collection amounting to \$4.30 was taken by sisters Laura Hamilton and Mattie Lothrop. Sister Annie Curlee asked God's blessing on the offering.

Then we listened to a most hearty welcome extended us by sister Tenny Owens, which indeed made us feel welcome. Mrs C C Horne, in well fitted words, responded. Rev J F Davis announced the benediction.

Sunday, 10 a. m. Praise service was conducted by delegates from Flint Ridge, Elizabeth, Monroe, Nicoy Grove and Madison Grove. Sister Aitha George lined

hymn No. 439, "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc. The praise service was very interesting. At the close of this service, Miss Wilson taught a beautiful Bible lesson Mal. 3:7-18. She urged us not to rob God in service and give him the 10th part of our labor. She also said that we ought to fear God, because we love him, instead of fearing him because of punishment. We felt that we had been lifted to a higher atmosphere.

Rev J F Davis asked for a few minutes to speak which was granted. He told of how he has pledged himself not to rob God but give him the 10 per ct. of all his earnings. Mrs C C Horne, mother Sunshine, came forward and rendered the following program:

Rec.—Mary Dell Funderburk, Willie Ree Robinson, Eva Thomas, Connie Leak and Isaiah Hilliard, Jr.

W. I. C.—Miss Emma Thomas, paper; Miss Mary V. Bennett, paper. Duet by Misses Mary Lindsey and Bessie Boggan. We were made to feel that these dear christian young women are the modern girls, even if they be called "old timey." Modesty is far more to be desired than worldly recognition, and to make our pattern, women of the Bible and not women of today. Let modesty be their watchword. Rev J F Davis responded. Mrs C C Boulware made a timely talk ou the saving of our children while they are young.

Thus ended the program.

Report of committee on delegate to State Convention. (See report). Report of committee on officers. (See report). Report of committee on time and place. (See report). The ministers were asked to take their seats in the pulpit. Then we had the quiet hour. The Spirit fell on many. Rev J F Davis lined hymn No. 597. "Jesus shall reign wherever the sun," etc. Rev J C Chambers of Meltonsville read for a lesson John 20:1-16. Rev I S A Hilliard led in a fervent prayer. Second selection hymn No. 602. Then the President introduced Rev Chambers as speaker of the hour. He chose for a text John 20:17. The speaker spoke with great power. Rev J C Ellerbe led in a soul-stirring prayer; then sung "I am in his care." The President

asked Rev Ellerbe and Mrs Odessa Livingston to lift the offering, which amounted to \$20.52. Sister J W Diggs asked God's blessing on the offering.

Sunday P. M. The time being late, there was only a short service. Sister Boulware presented the Convention \$3.60 that she had raised through an effort of hers. Miss Wilson made a timely talk on the work of the State Convention. Then Bro Melton lifted a collection of \$5.87 for a sick lady. After singing a hymn the President announced the 12th annual meeting. Adjourned to meet in a Union meeting at Flat Rock 1½ miles south of Wadesboro on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in December.



ROLL OF DELEGATES

Mrs A C Robinson
 " I S A Hilliard
 " M F Little
 Miss Mary V Bennett
 Mrs Julia Ashcraft
 " Aitha George
 " Elizabeth Ratliff
 Miss Ida D Shadd
 Mrs Elma Ingram
 Rev J C Chambers
 Mrs Julia Leak
 " Eliza Thomas
 Rev J F Davis
 " I S A Hilliard
 " ----- Cox
 Mrs Odessa Livingston
 " Mary Carlock
 " Ellen Rickett
 " Henrietta Smith

Mrs S S Davis
 " C C Horne
 " Annie Curlee
 " J W Eiggs
 " Della Barrett
 " Sarah Jane Gibson
 " Foy Jones
 " Mattie Lothorp
 Miss Captola Wilson
 Mrs Martha Huntley
 " Eliza Robinson
 " C C Boulware
 " Lizzie Boggan
 Rev J C Ellerbe
 Mrs Mary Crowder
 " Elizabeth Ellis
 " Bessie Roseborough
 " Annie Sturdivant
 " D C Barrett

Committee on Officers—Mesdames Elma Ingram, Laura Hamilton, Foy Jones, J W Diggs, Martha Streeter, Elizabeth Ellis, Della Barrett.

Committee on Place—Mesdames Ellen Rickett, Odessa Livingston, Elizabeth Ratliff, Julia Ashcraft, Miss Ida D Shadd.

Committee on Obituary—Mrs Mary Bivens, M F Little, Mary Carlock, Mary Lindsey, S L Davis.

Committee on Delegates to State Convention—Mrs C C Boulware, Miss Mary V Bennett, Mesdames Lizzie Boggan, Annie Curlee, Alice Jackson.

We, your committee on officers, beg leave to submit the following :

President—Mrs A C Robinson, Monroe, N C
 Vice-Pres.—Mrs. S. L. Davis, Monroe, N. C.
 Recording Sec.—Mrs I S A Hilliard, Wadesboro, N C
 Cor. Secretary—Mrs C C Horne, Peachland, N C
 Treasurer—Mrs M F Little, Wadesboro, N C

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs C C Boulware, Monroe, N C
 “ Alice Jackson, Polkton, N C
 “ Eliza Robinson, Pee Dee, N C
 “ Ellen Rickett, Wadesboro, “
 “ Annie Sturdivant, “ “
 “ Mary Ingram
 “ Kate Horne
 “ Odessa Livingston, Monroe, N C
 “ Mary Crowder, Wingate, N C
 “ Nora Taylor, Polkton, N C
 “ Elizabeth Ellis, Sec. of Committee
 “ Elma Ingram, Chairman

We, your committee on Place, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that the next Union Meeting be held with the Flat Rock Baptist church 1½ miles south of Wadesboro.

Mrs Ella Rickett, Chairman
 Miss Ida Shadd, Sec.

Committee on Delegate to State Convention—We, your committee on delegate to State Convention, beg leave to report: It was moved and seconded that our President be our delegate to the State Convention.

Mrs C C Boulware, Chairman
 Miss Mary V Bennett, Sec.

We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to report the following: Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call from labor to reward the following sisters and brothers from the various Circles, namely:

Sister Rachel Evans, Elizabeth, M

“ Lydia Rickett, Parsons Grove

“ Susan Marsh of Poplar Spring,

and Bro Robert Bradley, of Ramah Grove.

We bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well. Hoping to meet them around God's throne where we can serve in one eternal Circle.

Mrs M F Little, Chairman

and Mrs S C Davis, Sec.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Raised during the year \$277.09

Sent to Orphan Home.....	\$30.00
S S Convention.....	8.00
Lott Carey Convention.....	20.50
State Convention.....	30.00
Zion Association.....	20.00
Delegate, expense to Lot Carey Convention.....	7.30
to Woman's State Convention.....	7.00
to Miss Wilson.....	4.00
to Foreign missions.....	28.00
to Ministers.....	54.95
	\$179.75
to sick.....	9.37
Total - - - - -	189.12
For other purposes.....	71.72
Bal. in Treasury \$16.25	M. F. Little, Treasurer.

MONEY SENT TO UNION MEETINGS

	Dec.	Mar.	June
Friendship, Monroe	\$1.50		\$2.00
Brown Creek	.25	.50	.50
New Grove			
Mt. Zion	1.00	1.00	1.00
Saron	1.50		2.00
Elizabeth, Monroe	2.00	2.00	2.00
McLain Grove			
New Zion	1.00	1.00	1.00
Nicy Grove	2.00	2.00	2.00
Elizabeth. P D	1.00	1.00	1.00
Poplar Springs			2.00
Deep Creek			1.00
Parsons Grove	1.50	1.50	1.50
Long Pine			1.10
Ebenezer, Wadesboro	2.00	2.00	2.00
Rockford, E	1.50	1.50	

Oaksboro	1.00		200
Chilson Grove	1.00		
Meltonsville			
Fletcher's Grove			
Ramah Grove	1.50		1.50
White Oak	1.50		2.00
Pleasant Hill			
Sandy Ridge	1.00		
Madison Grove	1.00	1.00	1.30
Paplar Hill	1.00		1.00
Flat Rock	1.00		
Rockford, W			.50

W. I. C. CIRCLES

Ebenezer, Wadesboro	-----	-----	-----
Elizabeth, Monroe	-----	-----	-----
Nicy Grove	75	50	50
Poplar Springs			1.50
Poplar Hill			1.00
New Grove			
Elizabeth, P D			50
Parsons Grove	1.00	1.00	
Mt. Zion		25	1.00

MONEY SUNSHINE BAND SENT TO THE UNION

Elizabeth, Monroe	Dec.	25c.	March	-----	June	50c
Parsons Grove	"	25c.	"	\$1.00	"	.50
New Zion	"	-----	"	-----	"	2.00
Rockford E	"	1.00	"	1.00	"	1.00
Friendship Monroe	"	-----	"	.50	"	.50
Nicy Grove	"	.50	"	.25	"	1.00
Poplar Springs	"	-----	"	-----	"	.75
Meltonsville	"	-----	"	-----	"	1.00
Deep Creek	"	-----	"	-----	"	.50
Ebenezer, Wadesboro,	"	.50	"	-----	"	.50
Elizabeth, Pee Dee	"	.50	"	.25	"	.75
Chilson Grove	"	.25	"	-----	"	-----

Statistical Table--Circles, Presidents and Secretaries

W. I. C. CIRCLES

Ebenezer, Wadesboro--Miss Sarrie Tillman, Miss Pearl Tillman	Fee	
Elizabeth, Monroe--		
Nicy Grove--Miss Eunice Hamilton, Miss Virginia Barrett	"	1.50
Poplar Spring--Miss Emma Thomas, " Bessie Davis	"	1.60
Poplar Hill--		
New Grove--		
Pee Dee--		
Parsons Grove--Miss Nellie Hailey, Miss Mary Byrd	"	2.50
Mt. Zion--Miss Allie Crump, Warneth Crump, Polkton,	"	

SUNSHINE BAND

Elizabeth, Monroe		
Parsons Grove--Miss Adelle Parsons	"	50
New Zion	"	
Rockford E.--Miss Mary V Bennett, Wadesboro, Miss F Caraway	"	1.60
Friendship--Mrs E. Ellis----- Miss Doretha Levingston	"	50
Nicey Grove--Miss Joshlin mask, Wingate, Miss Jennie Hamilton		1.00
Poplar Spring--Miss Bertha Harris----- Miss Eva Harris		50
Meltonsville		
Deep Creek		
Ebenezer, Wadesboro--Annie Thomas, -----Miss Louise Crowder		1.00
Elizabeth, P D--		.50
Chilson Grove--		1.00
Sunbeams of Parsons Grove		

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	Representing Fee
Friendship, Monroe	Mrs Odessa Livingston, Monroe,	Mrs Elizabeth Ellis, Monroe	\$ 2 00
Brown Creek	Mrs Fannie Simons, Wadesboro	Catherine Medley, Wadesboro	50
Mt. Zion	" Hattie Jones, Polkton	Miss Allie Crump, Polkton	1 50
New Grove	" Alice Jackson, "	Johnny Davis, Polkton	2 00
Saron	" Gillie Hasty, "	Mrs Mary Little, Polkton	"
Elizabeth, Monroe	" A C Robinson, 301 Nance Av., Monroe	" W T Gatewood, Monroe	8 65
McLain Grove	"	"	"
New Zion	" Anna Cash, Peachland	" Awilder Medley, Peachland	1 00
Nicy Grove	" Mary Crowder, Wingate	" Ella M Blakeney, Wingate	3 00
Elizabeth P D	" J W Diggs, Pee Dee	"	2 00
Poplar Springs	" Nora Taylor, Polkton	" Narcisus Davis, Polkton	3 10
Deep Creek	" L J Huntley, R. 3, Peachland	"	"
Parsons Grove	" Annie Curlee, Route A, Wadesboro,	" Mattie Huntley, R. A, Wadesboro,	4 70
Long Pine	" D C Barrett, Route 1, Ruby, S C	" Ellen Ricketts, R. A, Wadesboro,	1 00
Ebenezer, Wadesboro	" I S A Hilliard, No. 293, Wadesboro,	" E R Little, Ruby, S. C.	4 00
Rockford, E	" Annie C Martin,	" G A Crowder, Wadesboro,	3 60
Galilee	" Mattie Lothrop, Oaksboro	Miss Mary V Bennett,	2 00
Chilson Grove	" Sallie Diggs, Lilesville	Mrs Francis Bradford,	2 00
Meltonsville	" Julia Bowman,	"	"
Fletcher's Grove	" Mary Thompson	"	"
Ramah Grove	" Bessie Sturdivant, R. 1, Morven,	Miss Fionnie Marshall, McFarlan	2 00
White Oak Grove	" Lula McRae, Morven	Hannah Pratt, Morven	2 00
Pleasant Hill	" Josephine	"	"
Sandy Ridge	" Henrietta Smith, R. 2, Morven	"	"
Madison Grove	" Annie Baucum, R. A, Wadesboro,	Mrs Josephine Bivens, Morven	3 50
Poplar Hill	" Rachel Davis,	" Blanche Smith, Route 2, Morven	3 00
Flat Rock	" R A Waddell, R. A, Wadesboro	" Rosa Tillman,	"
Rockford W	" Narcisus Sullivan,	Miss Hannah B Liles, Wadesboro	2 00
Flint Ridge	" Aitha George, R. 1, Marshville	"	"
		Mrs Mossie Tanner, Route 1,	50

